IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Carlo Finzer et al.

Group Art Unit: --

Appln. No.:

Examiner: --

Filed:

Herewith

Docket No.460868.90215DIVII

For:

SELF-LOCKING SCREW CONNECTION

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98

Mail Stop Patent Application Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The enclosed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98. A form PTO-1449 "Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant" is attached which lists the references cited. Copies of the cited references may be found in the parent case, U.S. Patent Application No. 10/228,118 filed on August 26, 2002.

No additional fees for filing this paper are believed to be due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees due or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 17-0055.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 3/10/04

By: Daniel G. Radler

> Registration No. 43,028 Quarles & Brady LLP

411 East Wisconsin Ave. Milwaukee, WI 53202

(414) 277-5749

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Attorney Docket Number 460868.90215DIV

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to	respond to a collection of inform	ation unless it contains a valid OMB control number.			
Substitute for form 1449/PTO	Complete if Known				
	Application Number				
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (Use as many sheets as necessary)	Filing Date				
	First Named Inventor	Carlo Finzer			
	Art Unit				
	Examiner Name				

Sheet

Examiner	Cite	Document Number	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where
Initials*	No.1	Number-Kind Code ^{2 (d known)}	MM-DD-YYYY	Applicant of Cited Document	Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		^{US-} 4,140,358	02-20-1979	Marechal	
		^{US-} 4,500,153	02-19-1985	Mattingly, Jr. et al.	
		^{US-} 4.686.738	08-18-1987	Bladh	
		^{US-} 5.135.416	08-04-1996	Hass et al.	
		^{US-} 5,139,380	08-18-1992	Reynolds	
		^{US-} 5.496.194	03-05-1996	Huss, Jr.	
		^{US-} 5,931,695	08-03-1999	Scully et al.	
		^{US-} 6,259,033	07-10-2001	Kassulat	
		US-			
	i	US-			
		US-			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Initials* No.1		Cite Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages	T
	Country Code ^{3 -} Number ^{4 -} Kind Code ⁵ (if known)	MM-DD-YYYY	p production of the production	Or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶	
		EP 0 903 813 A	03-24-1999	Sumitomo Wiring Systems		
		GB 2 033 174 A	05-14-1980	Bendix Corp.		
		EP 1 065 426 A	01-03-2001	Hummel Anton Verwaltung		
		DE 44 00 847 A1	07-20-1995	Karl Fischer		
		DE 94 02 108 U1	07-20-1995	Eder et al.		
		DE 295 04 754 U1	09-07-1995	Landis & Gyr Tech. Innovatio	!	

Examiner	Date	
Signature	Considered	

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.

^{*}EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁵ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Complete if Known

Application Number

Filling Date

First Named Inventor

Carlo Finzer

Art Unit

Examiner Name

Sheet 2 of 2 Attorney Docket Number 460868.90215DIV

U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant	
		Number-Kind Code ^{2 (d known)}			Figures Appear	
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
	<u> </u>	US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
	<u> </u>	US-				
		US-				
		US-		· · ·		
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-		- <u> </u>		
		US-	 			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages	
		Country Code ^{3 -} Number ^{4 -} Kind Code ⁵ (<i>if known</i>)	MM-DD-YYYY		Or Relevant Figures Appear	T⁵
		GB 22 61 775 A	05-26-1993	Kingston		
		DE 199 30 044 A	01-18-2001	Neumann		
	ļ					<u> </u>
	<u> </u>				 -	<u> </u>
	ļ					<u> </u>
			1			1

Examiner	Date	
Signature	Considered	

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.